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KIAO CHAU LEASED.

China Has Yielded to the Demands of Germany.

SEEMS TO GET NOTHING IN RETURN.

The London Times Waxes Ironical Over the Situation, and the Editorials of Other English Morning Papers Are in a Similar Strain.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Berlin Reichsanzeiger announces that an understanding has been reached between Germany and China regarding the cession of Kiao Chau bay to the former.

It is intended by the cession to render possible for Germany "the fulfillment of her just wish for the possession in the same way as other powers of a base for trade and navigation in Chinese waters."

The cession takes the form of a lease for an indefinite time. Germany is at liberty to erect on the ceded territory all the necessary buildings and establishments and to take measures required for their protection.

A dispatch to the Times from Peking says that the lease is for 99 years. The Times says editorially this morning: "It would be simple to assume that the Reichsanzeiger's dispatch tells the whole story, for it quite omits to say what China gets in return. To the world at large, however, the material fact is that Germany by physical force has obtained a naval station. This is the fact that must guide other powers in determining their own policy."

"The talk of a lease is a mere saving of appearances. There is no doubt that both Germany and China are aware that it is a practical cession in full sovereignty. It provides a further argument in favor of an English guaranteed Chinese loan."

The morning paper editorials generally are in the same strain as that of the Times. They point out that the contract is one in which Germany apparently gets everything and China nothing, while the question of the safety of the missionaries is entirely dropped. Nothing, however, is said about railways or mines.

The Standard says editorially: "England need not be ruffled, because she can claim exactly the same privilege as Germany. This is the logical and unassailable position the government has taken up, and it is not astonishing to find that it has made a profound impression in Europe as well as had a satisfactory reception in America. Whatever Mr. Sherman may say, the mercantile community is well aware that England, in claiming equal rights for all, is fighting the battle of the American merchants and traders as well as that of her own subjects."

The Daily News says: "The great point for Lord Salisbury to consider is the possibility of Germany claiming the right to erect a tariff wall against other powers." Commenting with satisfaction upon the opinions of New York papers sympathizing with British policy, the Daily News says: "Such expressions of opinion may be taken as the bread of our free trade policy cast upon the waters and returning to us in international influence after many days."

The Daily Mail, commenting upon the "fact that the United States and Japan are openly on our side in the Chinese affair," says: "For once we are getting some recognition for our generous commercial policy."

Engraver Linton's Will.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 6.—The will of W. J. Linton, the noted engraver, has been filed in the probate court. The will bequeaths the relatives all his effects. His estate consists of a little money, a valuable library and a number of valuable pictures. Many of the books in the library contain the signatures of the authors. Many of the pictures were given to him by the artists who drew them.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The following named fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New Jersey—Cassville, W. C. Van Hise. New York—Boston Corner, Charles Burke; Pindley Lake, J. H. Boorman; Grant, George H. Campbell; Lebanon Springs, C. J. Richmond; Lounsberry, Charles T. Robertson; Smithtown, F. G. Booth. Pennsylvania—Springtown, Michael Packerthal.

List of Dead Not So Great.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 6.—It now appears that there were but 20 deaths from the collapse of the floor in the city hall on Monday night. To the list of the dead the name of John Hamilton Fortner has been added. The boy Allen Towse, although seriously injured, is still alive. The others reported dead, but who are alive, are Wilson Carothers, John Burgess, Herman Hilbert, John Fellows and James McLean.

Veteran's Attempt at Suicide.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Owing to his failure to obtain work, Henry D. Baldwin, a printer, took a dose of laudanum with suicidal intent. It is thought he will die. For over a quarter of a century he was secretary of Kingston lodge, No. 10, Free and Accepted Masons, another man succeeding him only last week. Baldwin served in the navy during the war.

Governor Trask Resigns.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Captain G. D. S. Trask, governor of Sailors' Snug Harbor, has forwarded his resignation to Alexander E. Orr, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sale of Park Bonds.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—Comptroller Roberts announces that he will at once advertise for the sale of \$400,000 of Adirondack park bonds on a date to be announced later.

O'GRADY ELECTED.

New York Legislature Begins Its Work at Albany.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—A spirited discussion was caused at the very opening of the session of the assembly by a motion by the Republican leader, Mr. Nixon, to adopt the rules of last session. Mr. Green (Dem.) demanded an amendment so that bills could be moved from a committee at any time. He was backed up by his leader, Mr. Donnelly, who tried to stave off a long discussion by having the matter go over until next week.

The Republicans persisted in calling for the adoption of the Nixon motion. Thereupon Mr. Green made an attack on the existing method of committee work, and especially on the power of the committee on rules, which, at the close of the session, controls all legislation.

Mr. Donnelly did not agree with all of his associates' contentions, but pointed out inconsistencies in the rules. On roll call the proposed amendment was defeated—yeas 61, nays 71. Mr. Laimbeer (Ind. Rep.) voted with the Republicans and Mr. Weeks, his associate, with the Democrats.

James M. E. O'Grady was elected speaker of the assembly by a vote of 77 to 67 for Thomas L. Donnelly (Dem.). James S. Whipple was elected clerk of the senate.

Bills without number were introduced in the senate. Among them was the antitrust bill, which will be supported by the Democratic party. The bill is the same as the one placed on the statute book last year, save that the objections raised to that law by Justice Chester and the appellate division of the supreme court on the immunity to be granted to witnesses and the power of supreme court justices are eliminated.

Judge Bennett's Funeral.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—The funeral of the late Judge Edmund L. Bennett of Boston university was held at Emmanuel church and later in the day at St. Thomas' church, Taunton, where the body was taken for interment. The honorary pallbearers were Hon. E. J. Phelps, E. L. Davis, Prof. W. F. Warren, Chief Justice Field, Justice Morton, James Langley, Causton Browne, Robert Colman, R. T. Payne, Professor Frank Goodwin, John Hogg, J. W. Woods and Attorney General Knowlton.

Convicted of Extortion.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Ex-Police Lieutenant Samuel C. Rank was found guilty of extorting money from "blind pig" proprietors in the Hyde park prohibition district. The extreme penalty is a fine of \$500 and six months' imprisonment. Rank was allowed his liberty on bond. He claims to be the victim of persecution.

Lived With Indians Fifteen Years.

SIoux FALLS, Jan. 6.—Anna Russell, a white girl who was stolen by Indians in Montana 15 years ago, was rescued from them by the superintendent of the children's home who brought her to Sioux Falls yesterday. She was taken when a baby by Sitting Bull's band.

Ran Him Down With Dogs.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 6.—The pursuit of an assassin was concluded when William Baker was run to earth by bloodhounds and forced to kill himself to avoid summary execution. When the mob closed in on him, the man blew out his brains with the same weapon with which he had previously assassinated his brother, George Baker, and his wife. The cause of the murder was a quarrel.

Judge For Ulster County, N. Y.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—Governor Black announces the appointment of Severin Bruyn Sharpe of Kingston as county judge of Ulster county to succeed Judge A. T. Clawson, who has been appointed to succeed Justice Alton B. Parker as a judge of the supreme court.

Pleads Insanity From Cigarettes.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 6.—Calhoun Calkins, son of rich parents and formerly a young society leader, is on trial in the criminal court here on the charge of burglary and larceny. The defense is that he was made insane by the excessive use of cigarettes.

Attorney General's Secretary Married.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Mr. J. Walter Blandford, private secretary to the attorney general, was married yesterday to Miss Alice D. Middleton, who is well known in Washington society. Last evening the young couple left on a tour through the south.

To Admit Church Bells Free.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—At the request of the secretary of state, Secretary Gage sent to the senate the draft of a bill admitting free of duty the bells presented by the emperor of Russia to the Orthodox Russian church at Bridgeport, Conn.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

State schools of agriculture have been proposed in Indiana.

Samuel Fleming and Mrs. Sebastian Kock were killed by a train near Reading, Pa.

General Rosecrans has declared his belief in the innocence of Captain Dreyfus of France.

George Smith, owner of the rich Treedwell and other mines in Alaska, has committed suicide.

Reciprocity negotiations with France at Washington will be taken up when Ambassador Cambon arrives.

President P. H. Hyde of the Harvard Cerele Franchais has given to the society \$30,000 to found a French lecture ship.

Strong pressure has been brought to bear on Governor Rudd of California to commute the death sentence of Theodore Durrant.

Judge Seawell of San Francisco has decided that proof must be furnished that a policy holder's death was due to accident before the company is liable for payment.

WOES OF RATCLIFFE.

Wife Beater May Be Indicted Now For Bigamy.

ALLEGED FIRST WIFE INTERVIEWED.

If All That the London Woman States Is True, Then the Whittom Girl Is Also of the Matinee Girls Is Also Guilty of Perjury.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The woman alleged to be Edward J. Ratcliffe's first wife will probably sail for America in a few days. A charge of bigamy may be made against Ratcliffe, who has already been convicted of wife beating.

Howe & Hummel, whose purpose it is to have the marriage of the actor and Alice de Lacy annulled, yesterday received the following cablegram, signed by their London correspondent:

"Am mailing official copy marriage certificate certified by American consul of Edward J. Ratcliffe's marriage to



E. J. RATCLIFFE.

Caroline Ravenshill, fishmonger's daughter, Aug. 19, 1883. Am seeking interview with woman."

In a second cablegram the correspondent stated that he had interviewed Ratcliffe's father and the father of the woman alleged to be Ratcliffe's wife. Both the correspondent states, confirm the story of Ratcliffe's marriage in England. They say, further, that the wife's father has in his possession a letter written by Ratcliffe while in the United States in which he asks after the health of his son. This letter is addressed to the woman whom it is claimed he married there.

Argument on the application for a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor, who was convicted of wife beating, was heard by Judge Dickey of the supreme court in Brooklyn. M. L. Towns, counsel for the actor, presented the case of his client on Monday, and yesterday Assistant District Attorney Lloyd represented the people.

In his argument Mr. Lloyd declared that Ratcliffe's motive had been to kill his wife, and charged that his trip to Chicago had been made with intent to escape the jurisdiction of the court. Then he turned his attention to Mr. Towns, criticizing his argument made on Monday. He declared it had been filled with poetry and irrelevant expressions. He charged Mr. Towns with being impudent to the court—so impudent, he said, that any judge less lenient than Dickey would have fined the lawyer for contempt of court.

District Attorney Gardner says that if what Assistant District Attorney Lloyd has informed him is true, Ratcliffe will be tried for bigamy. Ratcliffe, on the stand, testified that he was not married until he made Alice de Lacy his wife, and if it is proved that he was married to the woman in England, then he is guilty of perjury as well as bigamy.

Wesleyan Freshmen Hurt.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Jan. 6.—A "double rupper" carrying a party of about a dozen Wesleyan freshmen, collided with an electric light pole at the corner of Broad and College streets last night with disastrous results. Fred Johnson, whose home is in Staten Island, received a severe blow on the stomach and is believed to be internally injured. John Havens had his right leg fractured, and Dudley Palmer had his scalp torn open and otherwise severely injured. Only two of the party escaped unhurt.

Want Work on the Canal Stopped.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—James A. Roberts, the state comptroller, took the highly important step yesterday as a member of the canal board of asking in a formal letter, addressed to Superintendent Aldridge of the department of public works, that further work on the \$9,000,000 canal improvement be suspended until a thorough survey has indicated what its actual cost will be.

Boy Killed While Coasting.

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Augustus Burkert of Haverstraw, aged 17 years, while coasting on Fairmount avenue, Haverstraw, crashed into a large willow tree, fracturing his skull. He was taken home unconscious and died later.

Met Death In a Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 6.—Three men were killed at the Avondale mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company by a terrific explosion of gas. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

To Direct the Vatican Observatory.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—According to the Rome correspondent of The Daily Mail, the pope has nominated Father Scario of New York director of the Vatican observatory. He will reside at the Vatican.

Old Coins Stolen.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—A collection of old coins has been stolen from the National Art gallery here. The collection was valued at \$2,000.

THE OHIO TURMOIL.

Hanna and His Opponents In Secret Sessions.

DOUBTS AS TO BURKE'S POSITION.

Newspaper's Sensational Announcement That the Democratic Prosecuting Attorney Has Laid the Political Situation Before the Grand Jury.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—Both branches of the legislature have adjourned until Monday. But both sides of the senatorial contest remain in conference daily and nightly at the Neil House and the Great Southern hotel, respectively. The secret work will continue till next Tuesday, when the two branches of the legislature will vote separately for senator, and the roll calls will show whether any changes have been made. The doubtful members made no hops. They are receiving the united and untiring attention of the steering committees and outside workers.

Next Monday Governor Bushnell will be inaugurated for his second term, but the exercises will not interfere with the senatorial fight. The anti-Hanna Republicans expect all of their followers here Monday for a large demonstration. Although many Republican clubs have canceled their engagements for quarters on inauguration day, it is believed that the efforts of the anti-Hanna Republicans to have as big a demonstration as usual will succeed. The Hanna men will also take advantage of the excitement here to protest against the "combine" with Democrats. The expected deadlock will not begin till next Wednesday, when the two houses ballot jointly for senator and will continue to ballot jointly from day to day till there is an election.

Letters and telegrams from protesting Republican clubs and committees and others continue to pour in on the governor and the Republican members who are co-operating with the Democrats, and some of these messages appeal to Senator Furaker to come to the relief of the party by declaring "no" to the "combine." It is expected to stand by the decree of the Toledo state convention in supporting Senator Hanna.

In reply to reports about Secretary Sherman, Assistant Secretary Day, Congressman Grosvenor and others being made the Republican senatorial nominee, Senator Hanna said positively that he would never retire. He says he was nominated by the Toledo state convention for senator and cannot retire in favor of any one else. If he is defeated, the responsibility will rest on those who are now co-operating with the Democrats. The senator insists that he will never withdraw even if defeat becomes inevitable, but he still insists that he will win.

The standing committees have not been announced in either house, and the "combine" is using the patronage to hold their men in line. In the senate yesterday Senator Burke showed some tendency to co-operate with his Republican colleagues. The Democrats wanted to report the committees, but Senator Burke stopped it by saying he would vote with the Republicans. Later in the day Senator Burke was in conference with Hanna, and he spent most of his time with the Hanna workers.

The Democrats and the anti-Hanna Republicans will have no caucus, so that there will be no test of strength till next Tuesday. While the Hanna men are still short three or more votes on the current claims of both sides, yet the "combine" is having its troubles in fixing on some one who can command all the Democratic vote as well as that of the dissenting Republicans.

The Press came out with a sensational extra edition last night announcing that the Democratic prosecuting attorney has presented the senatorial situation to the grand jury. In referring to this inquiry, The Press says sworn statements have been submitted to the grand jury from Representative and Mrs. Griffith of Union county. Representatives George Spillmeyer and Chris Montor of Cincinnati, Hon. N. R. Hyssell of Columbus and others against certain workers for Hanna. This affair is pronounced by the Hanna men as an attempt at intimidation.

Bartley's Conviction Upheld.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 6.—The supreme court last evening rendered a decision affirming the penitentiary sentence of 20 years imposed on ex-State Treasurer Bartley, convicted in the district court of Douglas county of embezzling \$75,000. The opinion is very lengthy and is concurred in by all of the judges. Bartley, since his conviction last fall, has been in the county jail at Omaha.

Mystic Firebug Committed.

NORWICH, Conn., Jan. 6.—Robert Johnson, aged 19 years, the Mystic firebug, who was placed on trial in the superior court, charged with two attempts at incendiarism at Mystic recently, was sentenced by Judge Wheeler to confinement in the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane for four years, as the jury brought in a verdict of "Not guilty solely on the grounds of insanity."

Convicts to Be Flogged.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Acting Warden Foster of the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary at Montreal has suggested to the minister of justice that flogging should be permitted to put down the rioting in that institution. Hon. Mr. Mills has decided to permit this to be done. The idea of Mr. Foster is to take some of the ringleaders and flog them in the presence of the other convicts.

Hotel Fire in Branford, Conn.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 6.—The Indian Neck hotel in Branford, the property of Miss Mabel Goodrich and leased by D. C. Harriman, was destroyed by fire. The loss has not been estimated. Origin, a defective flue.

LABORERS SWINDLED.

Bogus Agent Made Off With Fees Received From His Many Dupes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A young man giving his name as Charles Danzig rented offices on Tuesday at 174 Park row. He told the janitor that he was a purchasing agent for the New Jersey Traction company and paid rent in advance. Then he sent to the newspapers an advertisement announcing that he wanted 100 men for conductors and motormen for the traction company. He next purchased a desk and chair, giving a check for \$10 on the Bowery bank in payment.

Yesterday John Pohlman, a Bowery lodging house patron, was the first to apply for work. He was engaged as an office clerk. William Zimmerman of 25 Barrow street, Brooklyn, was the next caller. He paid \$1.85 agent's fee and was engaged to go to work in Philadelphia. Soon the applicants for work were as thick as bees, and each paid \$1.85 to Danzig and was promptly engaged for work in some city.

"I'm going out to get a drink and will be back soon," Danzig said presently to Pohlman. "Let these men wait here till I come back."

They waited several hours, and finally Zimmerman demanded his money. When Pohlman said that he could not refund the fees a riot resulted. A policeman of the Elizabeth street station arrested Pohlman on Zimmerman's complaint of obtaining money under false pretenses. The police are looking for Danzig.

TO ADVANCE PHOTOGRAPHY.

Odd Application of the Vacuum Tube by Nikola Tesla.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Electrical Review of the current issue announces an important work by Nikola Tesla, which promises to greatly advance the art of photography by means of vacuum tubes of immense illuminating power which he has succeeded in producing. The light emitted is so great as to be applicable for lighthouse purposes, and trials in this line will very likely be made soon.

The Review says editorially that this particular application is the "oddest and most unlooked for development of the vacuum tube." Its value in photography is shown by photographs reproduced in the journal named, which states its belief that this light will cause the "superseeding of the objectionable flashlight and makes the photographer entirely independent of sunlight" and concludes "that the bearing of these advances on practical illumination is obviously important."

Tesla also makes an interesting comparison between the vacuum tube and the now almost universally used incandescent electric lamp.

Alleged Counterfeiters In Charge.

TOLEDO, Jan. 6.—Deputy United States Marshal Shannon and Captain Webb of the secret service returned to this city from Paulding county having in charge Henry Luce and Dr. Alexander Thompson, two residents of the county charged with passing counterfeit half dollars. It is known that an organized gang of counterfeiters inhabits the swamps and forests of this county, and the officers believe they have secured two members of the organization. When searched, several blank certificates of membership in an oath bound society were found on Luce.

Crank In the White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Jacob Clements, a German, from Westchester county, N. Y., caused some excitement in the White House yesterday. When permission to see the president was denied him, he became very violent and was with difficulty restrained by the guards and police. He is now confined in a cell at the First precinct station house and will be held pending an inquiry as to his sanity.

His Wife to the Rescue.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 6.—Years ago when in a state of prosperity Frederick Cooke, the self confessed Tontine hotel firebug, abandoned his wife and has not since lived with her. Now, when he is in sore straits, his deserted wife has forgiven her wrong. She has just come to New Haven determined to do all in her power to help her husband in his present trouble.

Robbers Found Small Booty.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 6.—The holdup on the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway appears to have been a "wind haul." Express Messenger M. E. Hayden, who was bound and covered by one robber while the other riddled the local safe, has sent his company a message to the effect that the robbers took nothing of value.

Fatal Duet In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—W. Ray Smith, a nephew of Judge Oliver H. Horton, and Edward M. Hunt, a former deputy sheriff, fought a duel with pistols last evening on the streets of Woodlawn. As a result, Hunt was killed, and Smith was wounded in two places.

Type Foundry Burned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The type foundry establishment of A. D. Farmer & Son, occupying the six-story brick building at the southeast corner of Gold and Ryerland streets, was damaged by fire last night to the extent of about \$50,000.

Suicided In Court.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Jan. 6.—Rather than go to jail for assaulting his wife Lewis Johnson, colored, 38 years old, killed himself by taking carbolic acid in the presence of the committing magistrate.

A Murderous Seminoles.

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Julia Leard, a white woman, has been murdered by a Seminole Indian near Maud, O. T. The crime was committed in the presence of the woman's children.

THE DEBATE BEGUN.

Civil Service Law Discussed at Washington.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE REFORM BILL.

Senator Teller Introduces a Resolution Declaring United States Bonds Payable in Silver Dollars—Bill to Repeal Recent Law on Sealing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The civil service debate began in the House yesterday, based on the item in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the maintenance of the commission. It promises to continue to the end of this week, with a possibility that it will run longer. But it is generally admitted on both sides that the appropriation in the bill will stand, as the anti-civil service reformers do not seriously contemplate an attempt to strike it out.

The debate, therefore, is only preliminary to any programme which the enemies of the law may agree upon. The members of the house are divided into three camps on this question: those who stand by the law, those who advocate its entire repeal and those who desire its modification. These divisions were apparent in the debate, the nature of which was not as stirring as had been anticipated. Messrs. Moody (Rep., Mass.), Graw (Rep., Pa.) and Greene (Pop. Nels.) defended the law. Messrs. Dockery (Dem., Mo.), Robb (Dem., Mo.) and Pearson (Rep., N. C.) opposed it outright, while Mr. Landis (Rep., Pa.) favored modifications of the law.

The bill for the reform of the law, which has been drafted by a special committee of Republican members of the house opposed to the system in its present form, makes sweeping changes in the present system, the most important of which is the establishment of a five year tenure of office for those government employees whose jobs are brought within the terms of the bill.

The measure limits the application of the civil service system to the departments in Washington and to such other localities where the total number of employees exceeds 25. All appointees are commissioned for five years, with the power of removal clearly regulated and vested in the appointing power. It is provided, however, that no removal shall be made for political or religious causes, and in case of removal the cause shall be specified and the papers made a record of the office.

All persons now in the public service are to terminate their service five years from the time that the act takes effect. The measure recognizes the general eligibility of these persons for reappointment. It includes in the civil service postal clerks and letter carriers in offices having over 10 employees, exclusive of subordinates. It limits the civil service regulations to clerks whose compensation is from \$500 to \$1,800 per year, and includes as clerks copyists, computers, counters and draftsmen.

Representative Johnson of North Dakota introduced a bill to repeal the law which has just gone into effect relative to pelagic sealing and the importation of sealskins taken by pelagic sealers.

Work of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The presentation of the replies of the members of the cabinet to the resolution calling for information as to the application of the civil service law to the various departments of the government, together with the consideration of the bill establishing a bureau for the twelfth census, precipitated a sharp civil service debate in the senate.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, gave notice that he would next Monday and daily thereafter move that the senate consider in executive session the Hawaiian annexation treaty until it was disposed of finally.

Senator Teller introduced a concurrent resolution declaring the bonds of the United States to be payable in silver dollars and asserting that "to restore to their owners such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor."

The resolution is in the language of the resolution introduced by Hon. Stanley Matthews in the Forty-ninth congress and which passed both houses. Senator Teller's purpose is to secure a vote upon the resolution, which received an almost two-thirds majority when previously considered. The resolution was referred to the finance committee, but as a majority of the members of that committee are friendly to silver, Mr. Teller anticipates that it will be favorably reported.

The president sent the following nominations to the senate:

Justice—Francis C. Lowell to be United States district judge for the district of Massachusetts and Henry L. Burnett, attorney of the United States for the southern district of New York.

Treasury—Leander P. Mitchell of Indiana to be assistant comptroller of the treasury and John Fox collector of customs for the district of Oregon.

To be Collectors of Internal Revenue—John G. Ward for the Fourth district of New York and Thomas Penman for the Twelfth district, Pennsylvania.

Another Mill In Line.

NORTHBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 6.—Paul Whitin Cotton Manufacturing company of this town announced conjunction with the other cotton mills in the Blackstone valley a cut of 10 per cent in the wages of operatives will be made on Jan. 15. The company employs 600 hands.

Price Paid For the House.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—The sale of the St. Louis house, No. 845, of which \$5,000 was paid and the remainder in

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"BILLY" WILLIAMS' BENEFIT.

Programme to be Presented at the Casino, Friday Evening.

To-morrow evening the following programme will be rendered at the Casino, on the occasion of "Billy" Williams' benefit:

Orchestra
Announcement by the beneficiary—"Billy" Williams.
A. Spectacular tableaux, "The White Squadron," with grand choros.
Messrs. Curran, Lamont, DeGraw, Thornton, Mulford, Curran, Bowers and Gilles.
P. M. Sullivan, in his American character.
Hall and Klugeley, musical marionettes, in banjo, guitar and mandolin accompaniments.
Miss Morgan, in dramatic readings.
Miss Conklin, musical solo.
"Billy" Williams, the most artistic singing and dancing comedian before the public, in his original specialty, "The Master." Also his famous Irish jig.
Everybody's favorite, Harry A. Fisher, in tenor solo.
Don't miss it, Will L. Corran, in his famous skirt dance.
Fifteen laughs in fifteen minutes. Frank Curran, in a little nonsensical nonsense.
George L. Morgan, prestidigitator and ventriloquist.
Miss Lottie Wells, in violin solo.
Wm. Derriken, in refined jingling.
Miss Lulu Fulton, in artistic fancy dances.
Thos. Gillett, in baritone solo.
Bruno Schuster, in musical bows.
Messrs. Eisenberger and Fisher, in duet, choice selections.
Don't miss it, the King of the Wire.
Harry A. Fisher, in tenor solo.
Orchestra.

The performance will conclude with the laughable comedy, in one act, entitled, "The Senator from Texas."

Landed of House, "Billy" Williams
Senator from Texas, "Billy" Williams
Admission, 50, 35 and 25 cents. Seats on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's.

CONCORDIA COUNCIL.

Royal Arcanum Officers for the Year Installed Wednesday Evening.

Deputy Grand Regent Frank W. Brown installed the following officers of Concordia Council, No. 1076, Royal Arcanum, Wednesday evening:

Regent—Frank W. Elliott.
Vice-Regent—John E. Adams.
Orator—Ira L. Case.
Secretary—Theron N. Little.
Treasurer—Francis M. Barnes.
Collector—Roderic M. Cox.
Chaplain—J. C. Mullison.
Guide—Harry W. Tuthill.
Warden—W. B. Carpenter.
Sentry—M. Katzinger.
Trustee—Nelson W. Wood.
Sitting Past Regent—Frank W. Brown.
Duty IX of Membership was given to W. A. Wood.

WAYNE COUNTY COWS TOO HIGH

Why an Orange County Drovers Now Buys Stock in Western New York.

From the Honesdale Independent.

Drovers Wickham, who last year purchased in Wayne county between 800 and 900 cows for the Orange county markets, for which he paid from \$25 to \$50 a head, has gone to Western New York in quest of stock, claiming that he could not pay the price, \$35 to \$50, now being asked by our farmers. Cows have advanced in price and are not likely to be any lower the present season.

An Aged Woman Probably Fatally Burned.

Mrs. Hannah J. Tripp, seventy-eight years old, who lived with her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Hopkins in Norwich, was shockingly burned, Tuesday morning, her dress having caught fire from a stove. Her recovery is unlikely. The unfortunate woman is blind and it is supposed her dress came in contact with the stove and blazed up before she realized her danger.

A Deacon Under Indictment.

Deacon Robert W. Morrison, of the Congregational Church, at Coatesville, Bergen county, N. J., was arraigned at Hackensack, Tuesday, to plead to an indictment charging him with disturbing a religious meeting. He was held in \$200 bonds. The deacon has been prominent in a factional fight within the church and his indictment is a result of acts committed when the hostilities were at their hottest.

Fire in the Bloomingburgh Methodist Church.

A fire, caused by the falling of a large lamp, occurred in the Bloomingburgh Methodist Church, just at the close of the prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. The blazing oil set fire to the cushions in several pews and did damage to the amount of \$50 or \$75 before it was extinguished. The loss is covered by insurance with Case & Taylor.

An Electric Motor on the Erie.

The Erie will test an electric motor car on its Piermont branch. The car has accommodations for forty passengers. The car was run over the Delaware Division, last week, and made poor time, but better results are promised when the machinery runs more smoothly.

Post Office Box Rent Must Be Paid by Jan. 10.

In accordance with a recent order from the Post Office Department, Postmaster Elwood has caused the following notice to be placed on in the post office bulletin: All boxes not paid for by Jan. 10th will be declared vacant and mail placed in the general delivery.

Lancelot Lodge Installation.

Installation of officers of Lancelot Lodge, K. of P., will be held in the lodge rooms, Friday evening, Jan. 7, '98, after which steamed clams and other refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to be present.

Where Veterans' Reunions Will Be Held.

The annual reunion of the Orange County Veterans' Association will be held in August next in Major Benedict's Grove, Warwick. The Orange Blossoms will meet at Chester.

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

The lithograph pictures of John L. Sullivan which were plastered up about town did not do that "hero of many battles" justice. They made the big, strong, bluff John look as if a pin was sticking in him somewhere. John ought to hire the fellow who made them as his sparring partner for a while.

While thinking of John L. and his show it may interest you to know that such shows always draw big houses yet rarely have any advance sale to speak of. The people always go to the box office for their seats when a ballet or a vaudeville performance is on the boards.

Mrs. Brierly's efforts to become a motorwoman prick the men on the road considerably. They are tired of her and want her to be retired on half pay, or any old thing. She has become the centre of attraction along the road and the men don't like it, while some of them go so far as to say that her car is always late. They say, too, that she is not a drawing card, the car on which she runs earning less money than many of the others.

A party of New York hunters were in this city, Tuesday night. They "had money to burn" and found friends in plenty who were willing to partake of their hospitality. They were "out in the country" for a good time, and they had it, and the "countrymen" enjoyed their stay. Wednesday they took their dogs and guns and went to Unionville to shoot the playful rabbit.

The sport on Highland avenue seems to lag this winter. The last ones do not get out for any length of time. A few spurts up and down the avenue "in company," but no racing, have marked the season thus far. Highland avenue slants just a bit too much to be popular with the owners of the real stuff. They have no desire to run the risk of laying up an animal all summer for the sake of saying they "owned Highland avenue during the sleighing."

The police and Street Commissioner are more than pleased with the promptness with which sidewalks are cleared by property owners, once their attention has been called to neglect. The walks in the principal parts of the city are now in good condition, and falls have not been very frequent.

A gentleman says the most beautiful incident which has come before his eyes in some time occurred at a church in this city which he attended Sunday night. He was early and he occupied a seat near the front.

A prayer meeting was being held in the lecture room, and as the doors opened and the people began to pour into the main room he saw among the throng a man whom he knew to be deaf and dumb and deformed from birth. This old man walked from the prayer meeting in which he had participated only by being present, and took a seat in the front of the church. All through the service he looked steadily at the pastor, a look of comprehension on his face. "I tell you it was beautiful!" repeated the speaker.

AFRAID OF ITS CONDUCTORS.

How the Port Jervis Electric Railroad Proposes to Keep Its Men Honest.

The fare for a single ride on the Port Jervis electric road will be five cents. Six-trip tickets will be sold for twenty-five cents, and scholars' tickets, good for ten rides, will be only twenty-five cents.

To guard against the possible dishonesty of conductors, they will not be allowed to handle either money or tickets, but will wear a sort of nickel-in-the-slot contraption, in which passengers will be expected to drop their money or their tickets.

It is expected to have the road ready for business by Wednesday of next week.

WESTTOWN.

A Church Social.

Correspondence of ARMS AND MERCURY.

A social will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osborn, on the Lower Road, Wednesday evening, Jan. 12. A literary entertainment will be given. All are invited to attend. If stormy next fair evening.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for riles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want! W. D. Olney

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A PLAGUE OF THE NIGHT.

Itching Piles and Other Rectal Troubles.

Family Cured by a New and Safe Method.

A Remarkable Number of Cures Made by the Pyramid Pile Cure.

About one person in every four suffers from some form of rectal disease. The most common and annoying is itching piles, indicated by warmth, slight moisture and intense, uncontrolable itching in the parts affected.

The usual treatment has been some simple ointment or salve which sometimes give temporary relief, but nothing like a permanent cure can be expected from such superficial treatment.

The only permanent cure for itching piles yet discovered is the Pyramid Pile Cure, not only for itching piles, but for every other form of piles, blind, bleeding or protruding. The first application gives instant relief and the continued use for a short time causes a permanent removal of the tumors or the small parasites which cause the intense itching and discomfort of itching piles.

Many physicians for a long time supposed that the remarkable relief afforded by the Pyramid Pile Cure was because it was supposed to contain cocaine, opium or similar drugs, but such is not the case. A recent careful analysis of the remedy showed it to be absolutely free from any cocaine, opium, or in fact any poisonous, injurious drugs whatever.

For this reason the Pyramid Pile Cure is probably the only pile cure extensively recommended by physicians, because it is so safe, so prompt in the relief afforded and so far as known the only positive cure for piles except a surgical operation.

In one year the Pyramid Pile Cure has become the best known, the safest and the most extensively sold of any pile cure before the public.

Nearly all druggists now sell it at 50 cents and \$1 per package.

Address the Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich., for book on cause and cure of piles and also hundreds of testimonials from all parts of the United States.

If suffering from any form of piles ask your druggist for a package of Pyramid Pile Cure and try it to-night.

To-night and To-morrow Night.

And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggists Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle, to-day, and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 25c. and 50c. Sample bottle free.

The Homeliest Man in Middletown; as well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

DOVER, N. H., Oct. 31, 1896.

ME SRS. ELY BROS.—The Balm reached me safely and in so short a time the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. I have a shelf filled with "Catarrh Cures." To-morrow the stove shall receive them and Ely's Cream Balm will reign supreme. Respectfully,

MRS. FRANKLIN FREEMAN.

Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50 cents. Trial size 10 cents. We mail it.

"Little colds" neglected—Thousands of lives sacrificed every year. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures little colds—cures big colds too, down to the very verge of consumption.

Two million Americans suffer the torturing pangs of dyspepsia. No need to. Burdock Blood Bitters cures. At any drug store.

New York Produce Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 6, '98.

BUTTER—Receipts for week 257.8 packages; exports for week 163 packages.

Cheese, tubs or puns, extra..... 22 67
Do., firsts..... 20 67
State dairy, half fresh tubs and puns, fresh, extra..... 19 62 1/2
Do., firsts..... 16 67
Western dairy, firsts..... 16 67
Do., seconds..... 16 67
Western factory, extra..... 15 1/2 1/2
Do., firsts..... 14 1/2 1/2
CHEESE—Receipts for week 11,578 boxes; exports..... 83 66
State factory, full cream, fancy..... 2 09 1/2
Full cream, fine..... 2 09 1/2
State factory, extra..... 2 09 1/2
POULTRY AND GAME—
LIVE POULTRY.
Chickens, per lb..... 6 67 1/2
Roosters, per pound..... 4 1/2 1/2
Fowls, per pound..... 8 67
Ducks, per pound..... 9 67 1/2
Geese, per pair..... 40 67 60
DRESSED POULTRY.
Chickens, per pound..... 56 1/2
Turkeys, per pound..... 76 1/2 1/2
Potatoes, per bushel..... 66 1/2
Ducks, per pound..... 76 1/2 1/2
EGGS—Receipts for week 35,673 cases, and.....
Barrels..... 24 67 1/2
State and Pennsylvania, per dozen..... 23 67
FRUITS AND BERRIES—
Apples, per barrel..... 3 00 1/2 50
Grapes, per bushel..... 76 1/2
VEGETABLES—
Potatoes, per bushel..... 1 75 67 1/2
Cabbage, per 100..... 2 09 1/2 1/2
Onions, per barrel..... 1 75 67 1/2
Celery, per dozen..... 86 30
SUNDRIES—
Beets, per pound..... 26 67 1/2
Honey, per pound..... 76 1/2
Hickory Nuts, per bushel..... 1 00 1/2 25
MILK—The surplus on the railroad platform has been sold at 1 1/2 c. a can of 44 quarts.
The Exchange price has been made 2 1/2 c. a quart, net, to the shipper.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

THE People of the State of New York to Jesse A. Little and Felix J. Smith, Harlan P. Little, Alfred M. Sellick, Sarah E. Sellick, George W. Sellick, Annie J. Currie, Isaac Sellick, Ethelbert Sellick, Harry Jane Miller, Charles Miller, Harry Sellick, William Sellick and Helen Augusta Bell, living, and if dead, the next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns of Helen Augusta Sellick, deceased, do hereby give notice that in the estate of Hiram Sellick, late of the city of Middletown, in the county of Orange, deceased, second husband of said deceased, do hereby cited personally to be and appear before our Surrogate, at his office, in the village of Goshen, in said county, on the 17th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to attend the judicial settlement of the account of said deceased, administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased.

And that if any of the persons interested be under the age of twenty-one years, they are required to appear by their guardian, if they have one, or if they have none that they appear and

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THE EXTENSIVE BOX-FIDE CIRCULATION of the Argus and Mercury makes them excellent advertising mediums. Being the only Democratic papers published in Middletown, they have a hold exclusively their own. Rates on application.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Rain; probably clearing Friday, warmer.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frost's drug store to-day:
7 a. m., 26°; 12 m., 33°; 3 p. m., 36°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.
—Jan. 5—"The Pay Train," at the Casino.
—Jan. 7—"Billy" Williams' benefit at Casino.
—Jan. 11—Hi Henry's Minstrels, at Casino.
—Jan. 12—Concert by First Congregational Church choir.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior School.
—Jan. 24—John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.
—Jan. 27—Masquerade ball, S. A. B. Club, at Assembly Rooms.

The annual report of New Jersey's Bureau of Labor shows a marked decrease in the average yearly earnings of those employed in the factories of the State, and this in spite of the Dingley tariff's increased protection. After a while the workmen of this country will learn what those in other countries learned long ago, that protection does not protect labor.

The coal producing counties in Pennsylvania find their courts literally clogged with criminal cases as a direct result of the action of the coal producers in filling their mines with the scum of Europe's surplus population, who will work for wages on which Americans and self-respecting foreigners cannot subsist. In Lackawanna county, last year, the grand jury passed on 2,200 bills, many of them for crimes of violence. There were fourteen murders during the year and of these thirteen were committed by foreigners.

The newly appointed Democratic Commissioners of Accounts in New York city are to investigate the official acts of the various departments of the city government under the Strong administration. Tammany leaders say they are certain that much crookedness will be exposed and that, in any event, the people have the right to know to what extent Mayor Strong's subordinates lived up to their professions. No matter what the result of the investigation may be the mere fact that Tammany is investigating the "reformers" will be an object lesson in politics that will not be lost on the community.

Gov. Black's offer of \$10,000 reward for the arrest of Wallace J. Christian, the Sullivan County Club murderer, ought to have been made months ago, but it is better late than never. It has been a standing reproach to Sullivan county and the whole State that this slayer of two men was allowed to escape without any real or earnest attempt on the part of the authorities to bring him to justice. The large reward offered by the Governor may prove an incentive to some detective to try at this late day to locate the murderer and "get the drop on him,"—the only way in which he can ever be arrested.

WORLD'S ANGLO-SAXON CONGRESS
Called by A. B. Deming, a former Middletowner, to Perfect the Unity of the Race.

A. B. Deming, who some twenty-five years ago was in the book and stationery business here, where Hanford & Horton now are, and who is now a resident of California, has issued a proclamation calling for a World's Anglo-Saxon Congress. The opening sentences of the proclamation are: "Jesus is coming soon to establish His Kingdom of righteousness on the earth. By His will and for our sakes, it is proposed to hold at Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A., in the Centennial Hall, if suitable, from June 1 to July 4th, 1898, inclusive, a World's Anglo-Saxon Congress, to promote and perfect the unity of our race in bonds of peace, and establish an Anglo-Saxon International Alliance for mutual protection and advancement. The Congress shall consist of one delegate from each 200,000 Anglo-Saxon population and fraction thereof, from all parts of the world."

Mr. G. A. O. Try Grain Oil
The new food drink
by a place of choice. The drink is without injury to the system. All who try it, like it, but it is made from purest wheat and is most delicate stomach food. One-fourth of a pint contains 25 cents and 25 cents for a car lot. Sold by all grocers.
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THE SITUATION IN OHIO.

Hanna Is Beaten and The Combination Against Him Is On the Defensive.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—The senatorial contest has changed somewhat, to-day. The anti-Hanna combine is on the defensive. As the count stands now, Hanna is beaten, for the opposition has a majority on joint ballot of three or four. It claims a majority against Hanna of six or seven and asserts that it is secretly making accessions to its ranks.

The opposition is, however, kept busy defending itself. As the Hanna workers are constantly after doubtful members, and are even starting hot fires for some of them at their homes.

The Republicans in some of the counties have held intense incitation meetings against Bushnell, the Republican legislator and others, and these demonstrations have disturbed some Republican legislators and others who are co-operating with the Democrats.

WIFE-BEATER RATCLIFFE RELEASED

Judge Dickey Grants a Certificate of Reasonable Doubt and Fixes Bail.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, Jan. 6.—Actor Ratcliffe, recently convicted of wife beating was granted a certificate of reasonable doubt to-day by Judge Dickey, in the Supreme Court. He was released in \$2,500 bail.

A warrant charging the actor with perjury has been secured by the District Attorney's office. The offense consisted in swearing that he had never been married before, when he had a wife living in London, proof of which the prosecution declares it now possesses.

BIG REWARD FOR CHRISTIAN'S ARREST.

Gov. Black Offers \$10,000 Reward for the Sullivan County Park Murderer.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Governor Black to-day offered \$10,000 reward for the arrest of Wallace J. Christian, who killed Horace P. Pritchard and Thomas Mann, near Wartsboro, Sullivan county, Sept. 29th while they were serving papers on him.

MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY.

Said To Have Been Committed on a West Bound Train in New York City.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Evening Telegram says that the American Express Company suffered a million dollar robbery on a west bound train, last night, near Fifty-eighth street, New York.

MURDERER DURRANT COLLAPSES

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Durrant has broken down completely. The prison officials say that probably he will have to be carried to the gallows.

CAUGHT A 'POSSUM.

Fooled the O. W. Mapes Family Near Maple Gate.

A possum was discovered in one of O. W. Mapes' hen yards, Wednesday, by an employee of the farm. The dog was playing with the animal, which was apparently dead, and the man threw it into his wagon as he was driving about feeding the hens. He was thus occupied for at least an hour, and then he took the "dead" animal into the kitchen and placed it beside the stove. It continued to play dead for some time, when a member of the family discovered that one eye was open, and that it was breathing. The capture was securely boxed and is now doing duty as a curiosity.

Umpqua Tribe's Installation.

Umpqua Tribes, No. 331, I. O. R. M., new chiefs will be installed to-morrow by District Deputy L. B. Myers, of Warwick, Friday night, Jan. 7. Past Great Sachem Howard Evans, of Schenectady, will also be present. All tribes in the district are invited to be with us.

V Wild and Woolly Taro.

Report that a tramp had been shot and killed at a house on West Main street, this afternoon, obtained wide circulation. There was no foundation for the story, which was started as a joke.

\$100 Dollars \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dread disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. CLENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism.
The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.
Sold by J. E. Mills, 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

Blood Humors

Whether itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusted, pimply, or blotchy, whether simple, scrofulous, or hereditary, from infancy to age, speedily cured by warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, gentle anointments with CUTICURA Ointment, the great skin cure, and mild doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures.

Cuticura

Is sold through all the world. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CO., Sole U. S. Agents, 237 N. Broadway, New York.

FACE HUMORS. Falling Hair and Balding. Skin Itches cured by CUTICURA SOAP.

THEIRS FOR 500 YEARS.

Farm in Norway Owned by One Family Since 1381.

J. E. Sogard received a remarkably interesting document from Christiania, Norway, and one which he prizes very highly. It came from the government museum at Christiania, and is an exact copy of two deeds of very ancient date, the original deeds having been preserved and placed on exhibition in the museum. The deeds are for a certain farm which the Sogard family has possessed for centuries and upon which two of his brothers—Simon, of Webster City, and John, of Iowa City—were born. The first deed is dated July 1, 1381, or more than 500 years ago. A better realization of the age of this deed is had when it is remembered that the Sogard family was in possession of the farm more than 100 years before Columbus discovered America, and it is probable that their ownership dates much farther back than is shown by this deed. The later instrument was executed in 1548, nearly 75 years before the landing of the pilgrim fathers at Plymouth. A gentleman from a neighboring town tells the *Trox Times* that he has seen the ancient document alluded to, but was unable to read it, as it is written in the Norwegian language. He adds that the property is in the town of Oalen, near the town of Hamar, and that the largest city near the place is Christiania, and that the document states it is given in the reign of King Hakon, by the grace of God king of Norway and Sweden.

THE TALK OF FISHES.

Sounds Recorded by the Phonograph in the Under Water.

When you see a lot of bubbles rising to the surface of a tank in which there are a number of fish you will know that the fish are talking. It is not possible, of course, to converse with fish, but a well-known professor has succeeded in getting a sufficient number of sounds in a phonograph to prove that a fish language really exists, says *London Answers*.

The professor and a companion were lowered into the waters of the Mediterranean, near the little town of Brancalone, in an iron cage, taking with them electric-lighting apparatus, a phonograph and a camera. Mirrors were also taken, and by these the fish were attracted.

As each large monster came in sight a mirror was turned so as to bring the fish into full view of his own reflection. The results were astonishing. In nearly every case the fish waved their fins, and the sounds recorded in the phonograph are said to be of an astonishing nature. The shark, according to the sounds recorded, which are from fish of many species, seems to have a language quite different from all others.

Colonial Silverware.

Reproductions of colonial silverware are this season represented not only in tea and coffee services, but in trays, water pitchers, candlesticks and other pieces.

GOOD NEWS!
ALL ABOUT CLOTHING.

Commencing Jan. 1, 1898, we will inaugurate a sweeping clearing sale. We except nothing in our store from a collar button to a full dress suit. We have thousands of dollars in seasonable goods, which are in daily need. Those in need of an Overcoat or Ulster can find what they need from \$3.60 to \$7.20. Men's black Cheviot suits \$3.50, Men's fine diagonal suits \$6.75, Men's all wool plaids reduced to \$5. Men's cassimere pants 81c, 90c. We show about 10 styles, any of which are sold at \$1.50.

Boys' Clothing—Boys' suits, 14 to 19 years, black cheviot \$2.25. Boys' suits, mixed cassimere, same sizes, \$2.60. Children's Clothing—Start at \$1.12 for a cassimere suit, \$1.35 for a black or blue cheviot suit. Reefers from \$1.25 up. Black cheviot knee pants 27c. We include Hats, Caps, Gloves, Underwear, etc., in this sale. All are assured fair treatment with our method of business. One Price to All. You need not be a sharper to get a bargain.

MORRIS B. WOLF,

ONE PRICE
10 NORTH STREET.

OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks Begins Monday, Jan. 3d

We have about 300 Cloaks to select from in all grades. Below we quote a few numbers—Our regular \$12.95 coat now \$7.95, our regular \$10 coat now \$6.40, our regular \$8.95 coat now \$4.75, our regular \$5.98 coat now \$2.98. Remember these are all facts, no sham figures. We stick to our custom, never advertise unless we have the article. Any one needing a Coat or Cape, should not lose sight of this opportunity at our handsome store.

L. STERN, 13-15 NORTH ST.

Still selling fine plaid, all lined Shirt Waists, regular \$1 kind, for 50 cents.

SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR SHARE OF THE BENEFITS
FROM OUR

Clearing Sale of Ladies' and Children's Cloaks

Dress Goods and Flannel Underwear.

Coats at \$6.90 and \$8.90 that sold up to \$16.50.

Dress Goods 25c to 95c that sold up to \$1.50.

Ten per cent. on Flannel Underwear until Feb. 1st.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street.

Telephone 166.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

Owing to a change in firm, which will take place Feb. 1st next, and which will be duly announced later, I will make inducements to buyers in all departments until that time, for the purpose of reducing stock.

This is no make believe, but a genuine and actual reduction, irrespective of cost, in all lines, and will include Merchant Tailoring as well as everything else.

The stock is new and fresh, and includes everything a man or boy can think of to wear, except shoes.

My word and honor are behind all the statements made above. Come and see.

JOHN E. ADAMS.

ALL OUR

FANCY HOLIDAY STOCK

at Half Value.

Hundreds of Pretty Things Left

COME AND SEE

Articles and the Price.

WE ARE MAKING SPECIAL RATES

ON PLAIDS AND DRESS

PATTERNS!

for holiday presentation.

Prices Will Hold to Jan. 1, '98, Only.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.

No. 39 North Street.

RUBBERS.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Next to Carson & Towner's.

Rubber Boots, Felt Boots.

Overshoes, all styles, at very low prices.

Men's Rubbers 45c.

Children's Rubbers, broken sizes, 15c.

Sausage, three pounds 25 cents,
Pork Chops three pounds 25 cents,
Legs of Lamb 12½ cents a pound, Fine Lean Stewing Beef 5 cents a pound.

W. J. GREENING, 13 E. Main St.

EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTIONS

AT COTTAGE THEATRE, MECHANICTOWN,

FOR

Week Commencing

Monday, Jan. 3d.

Miss Lillian Hoban, comic, Miss Edna Burnett, song and dance artist; Fiddle Mahan, Irish comedian and clog dancer, Mary Bryan, song and dance artist.

U. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 11 a. m. and Goshen at 12 m.

Save Your Memory and
Keep Your Word.

Buy a calendar, diary or engagement pad for '98.

Everything in Blank Books from a penny pass book to a thousand page ledger.

That Magazine or Paper you were going to subscribe for, we can have sent for you and save time and trouble.

Peloubet's Notes on the Sunday School Lessons for '98, price \$1, by mail \$1.12.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

WE ARE HAVING A RUSH

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Our Custom Department

AND ALSO IN OUR

READY-MADE OVERCOATS
AND ULSTERS.

The Reason for This.

We are Offering a Good Percentage Off for

CASH.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

YOU MUST

Want something to keep you warm this cold weather, such as

Wool Hose, Muf-
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UNDERWEAR!

in fleece lined, either cotton or wool. FASCINATORS in black, white and colors.

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns and

Men's Night Shirts!

both of same material.

Don't forget the place.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,
No. 27 West Main Street.

"POTTY."

C. H. Worcester Repairs Everything

Rides, Sewing Machines, Lawn Mowers, Guns, Umbrellas, Bottles, Steam, Water and Gas Engines, Pumps, Sharpening Scissors, Knives, Razors, Axes, etc., EVERYTHING.
No. 74 West Main street, in basement, next to F. C. Kanyon & Son's grocery. dTo, T. H. B. 1897

Has Seemed Like Old Times

Our Warerooms for the Last
Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Bric-a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to \$100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at \$17.50 or a \$75 Orange County Express Bicycle at \$40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,
44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

PATENT MEDICINES!
ARE THEY EVER COUNTERFEITED? The records of the courts in various states prove that the counterfeiting of Patent Medicines is carried on more largely than the public suspect. The APPEARANCE of the counterfeit is the same as the genuine, and the only way for the public to be protected is to buy of a reliable source.

We guarantee every patent medicine sold by us to be the genuine article, obtained either direct of the manufacturer or through his authorized distributing agents.

This is an important matter for the buyer—the fact that we make quick sales and frequent purchases, and thereby furnish new, fresh and reliable stock is equally important.

Buyers of Patent Medicines take notice thereof.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

DURING JANUARY

we will continue to make it interesting to those in need of

Furniture, Carpets,
Crockery, Lamps, Etc.

and maintain the established fact that we are

The Cheapest Place in
the City.

FRANCE &
HATHAWAY,
25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Large assortment of jewelry at A.M. Ambler's.
—Hinter 12c a pound up at J. W. Sh. at's.
—Man wanted at Tonal Hospital.
—Winter clothing cheap at Geo. W. Young's.
—Two-seated sleigh wanted.
—utter wanted for the season.
—When ailing, take Munyon's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Capelin Plasters.
—Colds cured by Hale's Horsebalm, Hoxey and Par.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills.
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—H. Henry's Minstrels will be the attraction at the Casino next week Tuesday.

—Newburgh's cigar factory now employs about 400 hands and wants more help.

—H. Henry has reduced the prices of seats for next Tuesday evening from 75 to 50 cents.

—A rehearsal of those who are to participate in the Williams benefit will be held at the Casino, at 7:30, to-night.

—The moon is full on Friday evening, and at the same time a partial eclipse will be visible from 6:51 to 8:27 o'clock.

—A party of Port Jervisites, who fished through the ice on York Pond, near Lackawaxen, caught over fifty pounds of fine pickerel.

—Erie train one was delayed twenty minutes, this morning, by a loose wheel under one of the coaches. The coach was left at Tuxedo.

—"Billy" Williams, the comedian, whose benefit occurs at the Casino, Friday evening, intends to make this city his future home.

—Twenty-five acres of land, lying back of Stanhope, N. J., have been sold to a manufacturing company. The tract contains a water power.

—Those were indeed Chesterfieldian thieves who robbed a Hazelton, Pa., constable's house and left a note wishing him "Merry Christmas."

—H. Henry needs no recommendation from the press. His attraction is well known and will undoubtedly draw a good house next Tuesday at the Casino.

—The American Athletic Union has disqualified the basketball teams of the Hudson, Poughkeepsie and Yonkers Separate Companies from playing unsanctioned games.

—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McNear and three children, of Newburgh, were found unconscious for the effects of coal gas, Wednesday morning, and were revived with difficulty.

PERSONAL.

—Charles Huntington, of New York, is in town visiting friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford are spending a few days in New York city.

—Miss Mabel Frost, of Newburgh, is the guest of Mrs. Fred W. Moulle.

—Harry Howell, of Newark, was the guest of U. T. Hayes, Wednesday night.

—Rev. Mr. Halloran, pastor of the Port Jervis M. E. Church, was in town, yesterday.

—Harvey J. Hopkins, of Middletown, is visiting friends in town.—*Northwich Telegraph.*

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bull left town, this morning, for the South, where they will remain during the winter.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Woodrough, who have been the guest of George N. Clemson, returned to Brooklyn, to-day.

—Walter Weeks has gone on a visit to relatives. His employer, C. H. Swezy, does not know when he will return.

—Miss Mary Margannin, of Decertown, who has been the guest of Mrs. F. M. Stratton, went to New York city, to-day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clouston, of Middletown, are the guests of Miss Della Greer, of Wagner Place.—*Port Jervis Union.*

—Miss Grace Buckley, who has been confined to her bed for the past week at the home of her brother, on South street, is slowly improving.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Taylor, of Poughkeepsie, formerly residents of this city, are in town, making their temporary home at the Madison House.

Surgical Operations on Members of Congressman Odell's Family.

Congressman Odell's house in Washington was turned into a hospital, last week, three surgical operations being performed on members of his family. Two sons removed a sac containing foreign matter from Miss Helen Traphagen's hand; Walter Odell was relieved of an ingrowing toe nail and proud flesh was removed from Bryant Odell's tongue, which he had cut with his teeth in falling.

Upset the Sleigh.

George N. Clemson's sleigh was upset at Fulton and South streets, this morning, throwing out the small boy occupant and the driver. The horses started up South street, dragging the sleigh on its side, and were stopped by D. L. Decker, who caught them in front of his grocery store.

Royal Arcanum Insurance Paid.

Dr. F. M. Barnes, as treasurer of Concordia Council, Royal Arcanum, paid to-day to Mrs. Allen \$3,000, the amount of a policy of insurance held by her husband, the late Dr. George Allen, in this order.

The "Pay Train" Had a Poor House.

The "Pay Train" at the Casino was not eminently satisfactory, Wednesday night. The attendance was very light, and those who did go are grumbling at the show, to-day.

Impossible to foresee an accident. Not impossible to be prepared for it. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, Monarch over pain.

SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Jury's Work Completed—Only a Few Indictments Found—Ann Murray's Suit Against the Village of Port Jervis.

The Grand Jury completed its labors, Wednesday afternoon, and reported that eight indictments had been found.

In the case of Michael Driscoll, of Highland Falls, who was arrested while creating a disturbance in a saloon by promiscuously shooting off his revolver and acting too hilariously in other ways, no indictment was found and the prisoner was discharged.

James Mahendy, charged with committing an assault at Cornwall, was not indicted.

The following indictments were found against parties in custody:

James Crotty and Chas. Cronk, burglary in the third degree, breaking into a car in Port Jervis on Dec. 25, and stealing several tubs of butter to the value of \$70.

Another indictment in the same degree was found against the same parties for breaking into a car and stealing cutlery to the value of \$100. This offense was committed on Dec. 17, 1897. Crotty and Cronk pleaded not guilty. Wilton Bennett, their attorney, asked that their cases be tried at the County Court. Bail was fixed at \$1,000.

Thos. F. Dillon, of Newburgh, who stole \$8.11 from the person of William Kerion, was indicted for grand larceny in the first degree. He pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree, and the Court sentenced him to the Elmira Reformatory.

District Attorney Powelson says the Grand Jury was a most excellent one, and did its work intelligently and expeditiously. The foreman, Joseph Danneberg, of Wawavanda, made an excellent official and showed marked ability in the discharge of his duties.

ANN MURRAY VS. PORT JERVIS.

The case of Ann Murray, who fell on the ice in front of the residence of Rev. Dr. Mills, in Port Jervis, and broke her hip, occupied all of Wednesday afternoon. O'Neil & Royce appeared for the plaintiff; John W. Lyon, the village's attorney, represented Port Jervis.

The following witnesses were called by the plaintiff: H. B. Fullerton, who was Mrs. Murray's counsel at one time and later became Port Jervis' corporation counsel; Ann Murray, the plaintiff; Drs. Wm. Cuddeback and D. T. Coudier, both of whom had examined the plaintiff and testified that her injury was a permanent one; E. H. Ellis, Linna A. Jones, Catherine Boyle, Maggie McMahon, Esther Neaposs, Mrs. Monahan, Mary Kane, Howard Stern, Geo. M. Wells, whose testimony related to the bad condition of the sidewalk. Mr. Fullerton was recalled to prove whether the complaints were filed within the specified time. Mr. Lyon moved for a non-suit which was refused on the ground that the sidewalk in question had been left in a dangerous condition all winter.

Frank Lybolt opened the case for the defendant.

The following witnesses were sworn to the defense: Chas. W. Elmsford, Street Commissioner of Port Jervis, John Conroy, Ella Hook, Henry Straker, N. B. Mondon, Florence Mondon, Ada F. Holden, C. E. Cuddeback, Cornelius Cuddeback, Jr., Rev. S. W. Mills, Elmina St. John Mills, Stephen St. John and Samuel Conkling. Their evidence tended to show that the walk had been properly cleaned.

The fact was elicited, however, from Dr. Mills' account book that he had paid twenty-five and thirty-five cents for having 500 feet of walk shoveled, most of the payments having been made to his grandson, the eleven-year-old son of Dr. Cuddeback.

Mr. Lyon summed up for the defense at considerable length, and a recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. O'Neil began summing up at 2:15 o'clock.

The next case to be tried is the slander suit of Robert A. Sager against Lewis B. Scott. Many witnesses from Middletown are on hand, and much interest is manifested.

When court reconvened, this morning, an inquest was taken in the case of Henry B. McKay vs. Alanson Van Arsdale. This was a milk can case and a number of milk cans were introduced in evidence. The plaintiff found at different stations a number of cans from which his name had been obliterated and the name of Van Arsdale placed thereon. A judgment was given for \$300.

BREWERY GETTING READY.

The employees of the Orange County Brewery fired up the new Hogan boiler, this morning. The first brew will be commenced at once.

The builders removed the scaffold from the high chimney, to-day. M. Hine has been appointed night watchman.

Sleighriding Parties Were Numerous, Wednesday Night.

There were a number of sleighriding parties, Wednesday night, one from the North End went to "Matine" Askew's Fair Oaks Hotel and the destination of another was a hospitable farm house, near Howells, while others "out just for a ride" went nowhere in particular.

Making Improvements at His Store.

Craig, the shoemaker, has rearranged his shop so that his employees now do their repair work in the front of the store, one working in the window. Mr. Craig is going to make a specialty of repair work, and on Monday, Jan. 10, he will repair, free, the first pair of shoes brought him.

FUNERAL OF MRS. DOUGLAS.

Held Wednesday Evening and Attended by Many Friends.

The funeral of Mrs. W. E. Douglas was held at her late home at 8 o'clock, last night, and was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends.

Rector Evans made a prayer and read a scriptural lesson, after which Rev. Dr. Robinson, Mrs. Douglas's pastor, paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the dead and spoke words of comfort to the bereaved family and friends.

A quartette composed of Mrs. Swezy, Miss Marvin, Mr. Marvin and Mr. Greene sang several hymns which had been favorites with Mrs. Douglas.

A wealth of floral tributes bore mute, yet eloquent testimony to the wish of many friends to give expression to their love for her who had gone before.

The body was taken to-day on the O. and W.'s day express to Franklin, Delaware county, for interment in the family plot there.

The many hearts that ache because of the death of this dear friend may perhaps find some comfort in the fact that the final summons came to her as she would have wished to have it,—a wish which found expression not perhaps in her own words, but which, we are sure, lay back of the deep feeling with which she often sang a d recited the most touching words that Tennyson ever wrote:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For thy' from out our bourne of Time and Place
A flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have trod the bar.

"THE COMING OF THE KING."

sung for the second time before a large audience.

"The Coming of the King," which was sung for the second time at Grace Church, Wednesday evening, attracted the usual throng of music lovers. The singers seemed to be in particularly good voice and sang in a way that pleased everyone. Owing to unavoidable causes there was a few minutes' delay in beginning, but the pauses between the numbers were made correspondingly short and all was over at a seasonable hour.

The soloists were Mrs. Harvey Wickham, Mrs. C. H. Swezy, Miss Julia Wickham and Messrs. Harry Fisher, Z. K. Greene, David Lilienberger and E. Mills.

FRIGHTENED THE EMLOYES.

Boiler at James J. Sullivan's Foundry Was a Little Obstreperous, This Morning.

The boiler in Martin's foundry, on Wisconsin avenue, near North street, was inclined to raise a disturbance, this morning, and finally became so noisy that most of the employees ran out of the place. The engineer allowed the boiler to cool off and the water to run out, and the imagined danger was soon past. Some postponed repairs will now be made.

Runaway on West Main Street.

A horse from Emmet Wood's stable while being driven on West Main street, this afternoon took fright at some bills which the Casino bill poster was putting up and ran away. The driver was thrown out and the horse ran into B. B. Williams' yard, where it came to a stop. The horse was somewhat cut and the sleigh was badly broken.

New Yorkers Have Success With Their Guns.

Thomas Albrecht, assistant manager, and Fred Moyer, superintendent of the Central Opera House, and John Ficket, a well known dealer in wall paper, accompanied by Jacob Gunther, spent Wednesday in quest of rabbits. They had excellent success, and the New Yorkers returned with their game, last night.

Two Victims of Icy Sidewalks.

Martin Royce, of Fair View avenue, fell on the ice in front of Jesse W. Canfield's house, on Mulberry street, about two weeks ago, and has been confined to his home ever since.

J. O. Austin received a severe fall on Academy avenue, this morning.

Ontario and Western's Increased Earnings.

The Ontario and Western reports for the fourth week of December earnings of \$97,023, an increase of \$9,314 over the corresponding week last year. The earnings for the month were \$296,346, an increase of \$21,543 over last year.

Slight Runaway on East Avenue, This Morning.

J. M. Phillips, delivery horse ran away on East avenue, this morning. It turned into East Main street and was captured on Orchard street by D. D. W. Schoonmaker.

Buried in Hillside Cemetery.

The remains of Mrs. Wickham C. Reeve were brought to this city, to-day, from Jersey City, and buried in Hillside. Rev. Dr. Gordon officiated at the grave.

Coughs, colds, pneumonia and fevers may be prevented by keeping the blood pure and the system toned up with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Preparing to Leave Town—Want to Join the Club—Held the Lucky Number—Officers of the Ladies' Guild—Doing Well.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

A. P. Ackerman, the new grocer, is packing up and disposing of his stock preparatory to removal to Newburgh.

Four applications for membership are to be considered at the G. S. A. A.'s meeting, Monday night. The usual monthly entertainment will be also given.

Leslie H. Tice, of Florida, held the ticket which drew the gramophone at M. Jonas & Son's, last week.

The annual election of officers of the Ladies' Guild of St. James' Church was held in the chapel, Monday afternoon. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. W. D. Van Vliet; Vice President, Mrs. Emily S. Frost; Treasurer, Miss Alice Sayer; Secretary, Mrs. Henry C. Payne.

Johnnie Bradley, the boy whose leg was injured by being run over by a trolley car, Sunday evening, is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Geo. Grier will entertain the Ladies' Whist Club on Thursday afternoon next.

Friday, the 14th, is the last day to pay taxes at 1 per cent.

Mrs. James Van Nuyse entertained the Ladies' Whist Club, yesterday.

HYMENEAL.

Hallock—McNear.

John D. Hallock, electrician at the State Hospital, and Eva Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McNear, were married, at 4:30, yesterday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, corner of Academy avenue and Gensing street. The wedding was a very pretty one and about thirty guests, relatives and intimate friends, were present.

The ceremony, which was with a ring, was performed by Rev. Dr. Wilson, in a very impressive style. Two little nieces of the bride, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter, acted as flower girls. The bride, a very attractive young woman, was charming in a beautiful dress of white silk, trimmed with ribbons.

After congratulations, an elaborate wedding supper was served and Mr. and Mrs. Hallock were driven to the Erie station and took a train for Ridgewood, N. J., where they will spend several days visiting relatives of Mr. Hallock. They will return to this city, Saturday, and begin house-keeping in apartments that are furnished ready for their occupancy in C. V. Prudhomme's house on Mohagen avenue.

One feature of the occasion was the four generations present on the bride's side, her grandmother having just passed her eighty-second birthday.

The wedding presents were both handsome and useful. Among them was a family bible from the groom's father.

The Amos joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hallock in congratulations and best wishes.

Electric Lights in Thrall Park.

The two arc lamps which have been erected on a tall iron pole in Thrall Park, were lighted up Wednesday night for the first.

The moon shone so brightly that there was little chance to judge of the illuminating power of the lamps, but it is expected that on dark nights they will afford all the light needed in the park.

Meeting of Business Men, To-night.

A meeting of business men will be held, to-night, at 8 o'clock, in Justice Payne's office Empire Block. A full attendance is desired, as matters of importance will come up.

Left for the South.

Charles Clapham, of Bloomingburgh, left, to-day, for the South. He will sail to Jacksonville aboard the Comanche, to-day, and will probably go around Cape Horn before returning.

Hymeneal Notes.

Fred Banker and Miss Maggie Gennung were married at Little Britain, this afternoon.

Bank Dividends.

The Port Jervis National Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent.

\$50 Reward.

We understand some persons are circulating false and libelous reports concerning us and our business.

We hereby offer the above reward to any person or persons furnishing evidence of such reports sufficient to insure their legal conviction of same.

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Do Not Miss It.

You Will Miss It if You Buy JACKETS, CAPES OR FUR COLLARETTES!

Without Seeing the Stock at the Big Store!

Our prices should enable us to sell every garment. Special prices prevail throughout the store during this month.

Our sale of new Cambrie Edging is progressing nicely.

One case 31 inch Percale at 7c a yard. No more at this price after this case is sold.

Big drop in the price of our \$1 leader two clasp Pique Kid Gloves, all new shades, browns, tans and reds, now on sale at 79c a pair.

A few 25c Indian Baskets left. Do you want one at 10c?

There is a big run on our popular Skirt Lengths at 29c each.

These Skirt Patterns are made of good Cotton Domet Flannel, with colored border. Call at once if you want one.

Port Jervis Street Railroad Directors.

At its election, Tuesday, the Port Jervis Electric Railway Company chose the following directors: Ex-Senator W. P. Richardson, of Goshen, N. Y.; C. J. Field, C. R. Field, of Brooklyn; Frank Harding, of Middletown; George A. Elston, Martin B. Waller, C. J. Van Inwegen, George J. Hubbard, of Port Jervis; add W. G. Richardson, of Goshen.

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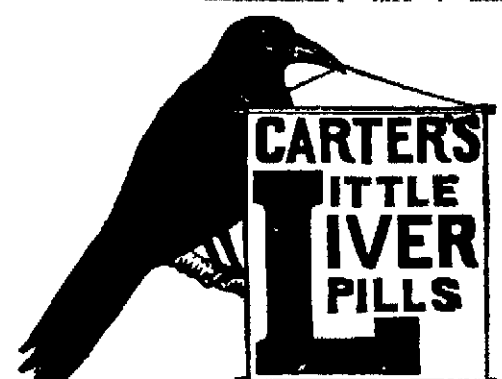
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OLD Farmer Brownlee was moving slowly across his big onion field. He was on his hands and knees, and his head was bent low so that his near-sighted eyes could distinguish the weeds among the tiny, upright onion points. Now and then he raised himself wearily. His back was too old and rheumatic for such work, and he wished that one of his boys had chosen to be a farmer instead of a business or professional man. When at home they had taken all such work as this from him, but now the last one of them was packing his trunk for the city, and hereafter he must do his own chores and onion weeding. Well, he would not complain; the boys had bettered themselves, and that was what he most desired.

When he reached the end of the row he straightened his shoulders with a sigh of relief. Then a look of surprised inquiry came into his face. He thought he knew every boy in the neighborhood; but there, from the topmost rail of his zigzag fence, a ragged, unknown boy of 12 or 13 was regarding him earnestly. As he looked up the boy grinned conciliatingly.

"What is them things you're so careful 'bout tendin', mister?" he asked.

Farmer Brownlee's face darkened. The idea that anyone could be so ignorant as not to recognize growing onions never entered his head.

"None of your sass, boy," he said, angrily; "an' just suppose you git down off that fence. Fast you know there'll be a rail broke, or suthin'."

The boy sprang nimbly to the ground; but it was on the inside of the fence and not on the outside, as the old man had intimated.

"I'd like awfully well to know what they be, mister," he said, as he bent down to examine the green, needle-like points. "I've been watchin' you a long time, an' 'spose likely they're some extra fine posies, you're so careful of 'em. But say, if you don't mind, I'd like to try a row of 'em across. I believe I can do it."

The look of anger on Farmer Brownlee's face became one of astonishment. A boy anxious to weed onions! and not know what they were. Two phenomena that made him almost speechless. His boys had always been willing to do the work for him, but he could not remember that either of them had ever seemed anxious for the job.

"Not—know—onions! Well, that beats me!" Then a quizzical look came into his face. I'd know's I mind you goin' across and back. I'll sit under this tree an' sort of keep an oversight. You must be careful an' not pull up any onions. An' say," as the boy dropped on his knees astride one of the rows, "you haven't told me your name yet, nor where you come from."

"Boy Cooper; an' I'm one of the fresh-air boys over at that farmhouse 'tother side the hill."

"Um! yes; I b'lieve I did hear Sol Perkins speak of takin' some street boys for a week. Crazy idee, I thought it."

For some minutes he watched the boy dubiously; then the uncertainty left his face and he leaned back comfortably against the tree.

"Mighty spry with his fingers, an' careful as one of my own boys," he thought, approvingly. "Do the work twice as fast as I can, if he is a greeny. Um! makin' of another good farmer lost in him. I s'pose." Here his eyes closed, and they had not opened when the boy came back on his second row. A sharp scrutiny, and then Bob turned to the third row and again wended his way slowly across the field. As he rose from the sixth row he heard the sharp clang of a bell. Going to the old man, he touched him lightly on the shoulder.

"I guess likely that's your dinner bell, mister," he said.

"Dinner bell? Sho! sho! Tain't nine o'clock yet. I only jest shet my eyes a minute." He glanced up at the sun, then down at the newly-weeded onions and his face lengthened into incredulous astonishment. "You don't mean you've weeded six rows! Why, that's much as my obstinate old back'll let me do in a whole day." Again the dinner bell sounded. "Yes, that's for me, sure enough. Won't you come in an' eat with me?"

"No; Mis' Perkins'll wonder where I've gone. But if you don't mind I'll come back soon I've eat. I'd like to try them onions again."

"Mind! I should think not. I'm always glad to run across such help."

It was nearly half a mile to Solomon Perkins', but when the old man returned to his onion field he found Bob already there and well down in his seventh row.

They worked until dark; then the old man took out his pocketbook. Bob shook his head and grinned. "I don't want no money, mister; but if you'll let me come again to-morrow I'll be much obliged."

"Come all you want to. There's plenty of work, an' we can settle when we're through. But it seems sort of hard for you to come down here on a vacation an' then work all the time."

"Oh, that's all right; I like farmin'," and with a quick spring he was over the fence and running across the field.

It took three days to weed the onions, and when they were finished the old man again took out his pocketbook, but again Bob shook his head. The old man looked perplexed.

"Come, come, boy, take the money," he urged. "I don't want nobody to work for me for nothin'. You've earned it, every cent."

Bob shuffled his feet and looked at the old man sideways. "I didn't come for no money," he said; "but there's



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"Yes; good work's I ever had. I'd like to hire you for a year."

The boy's eyes sparkled. "An' would you be willin' to hire a man, too?" he asked, eagerly; "one who could work lots better than me?"

"No, I haven't work for two hands." The eager countenance fell.

"I thought maybe you would," and Bob began to climb over the fence dejectedly. "We wouldn't ask much wages, an' we'd work like anything."

"Is he some of your folks?" "My dad."

"Um! Well, there'll be no trouble about work, I guess. Good hands are scarce, an' your father could git plenty to do in the neighborhood. Perkins hires help, an' so does Brown an' Thompson. I've got an old house that I'll rent to you cheap, an' you can move in any time you like an' go to work. I'll keep you steady—an' be mighty glad to git rid of onion weedin'!" grimly.

But Bob's face did not brighten as he expected. "I don't b'lieve Dad would come, 'cept he was sure of gettin' work," he said. "We went out in the country last summer an' tried lots of farms, but nobody would hire him. Dad said he wouldn't try again." Then, in answer to a look of incredulity, he added, with a sudden flush coming into his face: "You see, it's just this way. Dad's the best man in the world, an' he's a splendid worker; but he's that easy like an' pleasant he won't say no to nobody. He didn't drink any 'fore mother died, an' he often goes weeks without it now—he did when I was sick last summer. Him an' me is all there is, an' sometimes he tries to give it up on my 'count; but most folks like him, an' there's ten whisky shops in sight of our door. Tain't easy for a man to go past all of 'em. Dad says he just can't do it. If we lived way off in the country there might be some show."

"If he only drinks now an' ag'in," said the old man, reflectively, "it seems sort of strange that he can't git work nowhere. I know a good many hired men who drink a little."

Bob flushed and looked embarrassed. "You see, he—can't stop when he once gets started," he explained; "he's so awfully easy an'—an' good-natured."

"Um! Drunk most of the time eh?" Bob remained silent, but shuffled his feet uneasily along the rails.

"No, I don't want him," said the old man, decidedly; "I ain't reformin' drunkards."

"He ain't no drunkard!" cried Bob, fiercely. "He's easy; an' we've lived always among rumshops. He smells whisky just as soon as he steps on the street, an' there's plenty of men to give him a drink. He can't stop, but I tell you he ain't no drunkard. He ain't! He ain't! He ain't! I guess I know, for I'm 'most always with him. I sit up with him nights, an' I feller him when he goes out. I wouldn't be here now, only he went off with a lot of men for two weeks, an' I couldn't go 'long. I thought maybe there'd be a chance for us out here; an' I worked for you just as hard as ever I could, an' hope'd you'd be willin' to help me give him a show. He ain't no drunkard, an' he don't use no swear talk, an' he don't fight. He never struck me in all my life—not once. Even if he does drink he's a good man, an' he ain't no drunkard—no, not if nobody in all the world will hire him."

Farmer Brownlee's face had lost its severity during this explosion. Now he said his hand detainingly upon the boy's arm.

"No, I don't believe your pa is all bad," he said, gravely; "an' maybe I said more than I meant. I'll think it over to-night, an' you come round again in the mornin'. I once had a brother who must a-been some like your pa; but that's a long time ago. Well, good-night."

Bob watched him until he was lost in the shadows, then he slipped down from the fence, and went across toward the Perkins farm-house.

In the morning he was back again long before Farmer Brownlee was astir. When the old man appeared he was examining the beets and carrots.

"Him! more weedin' for you," chuckled the old man, as he approached. "Well, about your pa. How'd you like to farm it a little for yourselves?"

Bob looked at him wonderingly. "How can we?" he asked; "we ain't got no land."

"I'll fix that. I can't hire you an' your pa both, but I've lots of idle land. I can let you have that house an' about 50 acres round it for almost nothin'; an' you can work the rent out. I'll hire you all the time, or both you an' your pa part of the time, an' you'll be able to git considerable work among the neighbors. Spare days you can work your own land. If you're careful, as I believe you will be, you can lay up money. An' as for your pa, there ain't a liquor shop in nine miles. Does that suit?"

Bob did not answer; but the look on his face made the old man's eyes twinkle, then suddenly grow misty.

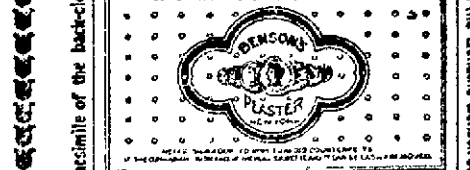
"Um!" he said, as he turned away, abruptly. "S'pose we go over an' look at the house; then you can go to the Perkins an' tell 'em you're goin' to stay with me after this. When it's time for your pa to git back you can go to the city an' bring him down.—N. Y. Independent.

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FIRST GRADE.
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March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
May 27th and 28th, at Otisville.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.
September 23d and 24th, at Warwick.

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Fourth Friday of May, 27th, at Otisville.
Second Thursday of August, 11th, at Middletown.

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Before and After.

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What Kept Him.

Wife—Why couldn't you have come home at a decent time of night? Husband—Could, 'm'dear, jes' easy as not; but I (hic) was waitin' fer you to go to sleep.—N. Y. Weekly.

A Long Head.

"Why does that hard-drinking Bessy wear his hat all the time?" "For fear he can't get it on if he takes it off."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

All Sorts.

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- 18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
- 19—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
- 20—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
- 21—Lake avenue and West street.
- 22—James and Henry streets.
- 23—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
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- 27—Bear of State Hospital.
- 28—Pulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
- 29—High and Bradford streets.
- 30—Canal street, condenser.
- 31—Mulberry and Pulton streets.
- 32—Fairview avenue and Bond street.
- 33—Pulton street and East avenue.
- 34—Academy avenue and Lincoln avenue.
- 35—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
- 36—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
- 37—Academy street and Gearing street.
- 38—Myrtle and Prospect avenues.
- 39—Grant street and Sprague avenue.
- 40—North Main street and Prospect avenue.
- 41—North Main street and Orchard.
- 42—Franklin Square.
- 43—Rung before a box number, denotes that a building is being erected.
- 44—Strokes of bell denotes broken.
- 45—2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
- 46—3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
- 47—Strokes of bell denotes road, see loc.

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Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Interest in the New Year's Observance—Remaining Topics for the Week.

Interest in the union meetings of the week of prayer continues, and the evening meetings in the several churches are well attended and full of interest.

The topics for the remaining days of the week are:

Thursday, January 6. Families and Schools—Prayer: That in christian households, family prayer may be maintained; that the sacredness of the marriage tie may be universally recognized; that the training in the family in schools, colleges and universities may be in the knowledge of holy scripture, and with a view to the consecrated christian life.—Joshua 24, 13-22; Psalm 133; Col. 3, 14 to 4, 1.

Friday, January 7. Foreign Missions.—Prayer: For the growth and development of the missionary spirit during this century, and for great revivals amid persecutions in China and other parts of the mission field. Prayer: For the consecration of youth to the kingdom of Christ; that faithful missionaries may be raised up in christian communities; that converts may be established in the faith; that the number of native agents may be multiplied, and their efficiency increased; that the obstacles in all lands, arising from ignorance, prejudice and error may disappear before the gospel as the one true faith for mankind.—Psalm 22; Rom. 10, 6-21.

Saturday, January 8. Home Missions.—Prayer: That christian people may be led to greater personal effort, on behalf of the spiritual welfare of their neighbors and fellow countrymen, that blessing may accompany the work of home missionary societies, of city missions, and of laborers among special classes; that God's ancient people may be brought into the fold of Christ.—Acts 1, 1-8; Rev. 7, 4-12.

Sunday, January 9. Sermons—God's people—His witnesses to the world.—Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord.—Isaiah 43, 10.

A YEAR IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Heavy Penalty Imposed on Jerry Reardon for Assaulting His Invalid Wife and Sister-in-Law.

Jeremiah Reardon, of No. 11 Low avenue, will spend the ensuing year in Albany penitentiary as a result of an assault upon his invalid wife and sister-in-law, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Reardon has been ill in bed for some time past, and Mrs. Katie Reardon, a sister-in-law, has been keeping house for her. Jerry went home Tuesday night badly intoxicated. He kicked his wife in the breast, and knocked his sister-in-law down when she expostulated with him. Her head struck upon the sharp point of a rocking chair, inflicting a bad scalp wound.

Reardon was caught, yesterday noon, but was too drunk to be tried. Toward evening he sobered up enough to stand trial, and was promptly convicted and sentenced as above. Officer Sharpe took him to Albany.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE POOR

Phil Hasbrouck Again Chosen Keeper by Himself and Mr. Sutherland.

At the meeting of the county superintendents of the poor, Wednesday, at Orange Farm, all the superintendents, Philip Hasbrouck, Alex. Sutherland and Charles B. Wood, were present. Supervisor Patterson, of Woodbury, was also on hand to advise the Republican members how to act.

Superintendent Wood had nothing to do with their conference, so he went out into the barn and looked over the ten "trotters" which were there. Finally it was announced to him that Superintendent Hasbrouck would remain in charge of the farm and the "trotters."

SPEEDING THE HORSES.

Several Exciting Contests on Highland Avenue, Wednesday Afternoon.

The sport on Highland avenue was at its best, Wednesday afternoon. Several of the fast ones were out and made the snow fly in their spirited contests down the grade.

B. B. Williams' Madona, "Billy" Roe's Mouse, and favorites driven by Thomas Hemmick, Harry Predmore, Dr. Gilson, Emmet Wood and George Waldron were among the horses on the course.

A Case of Ivy Poisoning in Midwinter.

H. H. Mondon has just had a most unusual experience—a case of ivy poisoning in midwinter. He bought, last week, a load of hay, in which it seems there was a much ivy as hay, and in feeding the stuff to his horse he was so badly poisoned about the face, hands and body that he was confined to the house for nearly a week, and his eyes were swollen shut for three days. Dr. Mills attended him.

Cured of Deafness, But Doesn't Like Whispering.

"Uncle Jake" Blankney, of Rock hotel, whose remarkable cure from deafness of five years' standing by the Boyomenon has been noticed in this paper, says that many of his friends, in a test of the genuineness of his cure, told him to whisper. He says he understood all talk in ordinary tones, but likes whispering.

Salt Rheum Cured.

A salt rheum on my hand so that it would break open and bleed. I had about Hood's Sarsaparilla and to try it, and I have never had with salt rheum since I used it. My boy had sores on his hands from Hood's cured him.—Miss. of playe Petersburg, N. Y.

A car elegant in all liveries. Mailed to Hood & Co., Lowell, settings, popular pr.

A POOR COUNTRY.

Algeria is a Place Which Colonists Should Avoid.

According to a French correspondent, Algeria is about the last place in the whole world that a colonist ought to go to. The temperature makes both agricultural and commercial success impossible. The country is a bastard region, neither European nor colonial. If it were two degrees further south, or ten degrees further north, all would be changed. In the former case it would be an industrial paradise that would beat St. Domingo, Ceylon and India, because, being at the very doors of France, it could be a suburb of Europe, whither 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 emigrants would go to cultivate coffee, indigo, vanilla, sugar, cotton, pepper and other colonial products. If Algeria were moved further north, its mineral wealth, at present incapable of exploitation, would enable it to rival Normandy, Auvergne, Reanne and Picardy. As it is, everything is blasted by the climate. The sugar cane has no sugar; it is inferior bamboo. The coffee berry is empty. The cotton is too short for spinning. The cocoa palm bears no fruit; the indigo plant comes to nothing; the pineapple will not ripen; and the vanilla matures only in a hot-house. None of the spices will compare with the products of Brazil or India. Corn becomes hard in the third year; a mealy potato is unknown. Oxen in four generations dwindle from 700 or 800 pounds to 300. Fowls are poor; fruit is voracious; and even the banana is flavorless and pasty. There are a few good oranges; but the wine is acid and rough, the sugar of the grape not being amenable to entire conversion into alcohol. Even the human race is subject to the universal degeneration.

THIS WAS HIS MESSAGE.

The Young Woman Blushed in Anticipation But Needn't Have Done It.

In purchasing a present care should be taken that the price tags and charge checks do not accompany the gift, thereby causing temporary embarrassment. A young woman of this city received among her Christmas gifts last year a handsome pocketbook of embossed leather, which had been sent her by a young man who was supposed to have a tender feeling toward her, but had never expressed it, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

The whole family assisted in the ceremony of opening the small package, and when the wrappings were off and the nature of the present revealed, there was much merriment over the gift. The pocketbook was apparently empty, but in searching it a small card was discovered in a secret compartment.

"A proposal!" shouted the one who had found it.

"Give it to me instantly," demanded the annoyed recipient of the present.

"Read it aloud, sis," suggested a mischievous brother.

"Here," said the father of the family, with mock sternness, "the young man has not consulted me—if anyone reads the message I should."

And without more ado the head of the family seized the tantalizing bit of pasteboard, and while his daughter hung her head in abashed silence he read aloud:

"All the trimmings on this pocketbook are of sterling silver."

It was the manufacturer's printed card.

CLAMS AND OYSTERS.

An Interesting Exhibit in the Salt Water Tank at the Aquarium.

One of the gallery tanks on the salt water side of the Aquarium has been stocked lately with oysters and hard shell clams, showing the clams as they appear in nature, says the New York Sun. The hard clam does not bury itself completely in the mud or sand which it may inhabit, but only to the depth of half or three-quarters of its shells. It opens its shells to feed, living upon minute forms of animal life floating in the water, and sinks or raises itself in the mud with the aid of its foot, the wedge-shaped part of the body that is nearest the opening of the shell. With its foot the clam pushes away the sand, and so lets itself sink deeper and deeper; and with its foot it can roll the sand in under itself and thus raise itself.

Oysters must have something to grow upon, shells or stones or something. In this tank oysters are seen growing on a bottle, a familiar manner of growth, but always interesting. There are four or five oysters on the outside of this bottle, and there is an oyster growing inside the neck. Oysters inside bottles are not uncommon. In the tank also there are seen oysters growing on clams, but so attached that they do not in any way interfere with the clam's existence.

In this tank also a stone and a bottle, each covered with what look at a distance like pieces of gray calico with small dark figures. These coverings or incrustations are formed by colonies of little animals known as ascidians.

PAT'S PANTHER.

Three northern men were hunting in Missouri, and had with them an Irishman as cook. One evening, after dark, the cook took a pail and went to a nearby stream for water, and in less than a minute he came running back, all in a tremble. When he found his speech, he explained that he had been chased by a panther. The hunters set out to investigate, but could find no trace of the beast. The next evening the cook was at work when there came a wild, unearthly scream, almost over his head. "Panther!" howled the cook, letting the pot drop into the fire. There was a general shout of laughter. "You goose," cried one of the hunters, at length, "your panther is a screech owl!"

—Convicts in the penitentiary at Boise, Idaho, are permitted to play baseball on Saturday afternoons. They have organized two teams, and their playing is considered quite clever.

Man and Wife.

Both Agree as to What Saved the Wife's Life.

When a woman has been abandoned by doctors to die, when she takes a medicine and gets well, when she and her husband both declare that medicine saved her life, what more can possibly be said of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy? Mrs. J. M. Churchill, Cortland, N. Y., says:

"I had a very bad cough and could not lie on my left side at all. I also had neuralgia very badly. Many physicians in Cortland said I could not be cured, but I am thankful to say I am cured through taking Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. It cured my cough and greatly benefited my neuralgia. When I began taking it, I was very weak and it built me right up. I always had sick headache and trouble with my stomach, and it gave me relief from them."

In speaking of his wife's case, Mr. Churchill said: "Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy saved her life."

Sold by all druggists for \$1 a bottle.

VAN AND VON.

The Real Significance of the Dutch and German Prefixes Explained.

It is a common mistake of those who speak only English to suppose that the prefix "van" before a Dutch name signifies nobility. In the "low countries"—that is, in the kingdoms of the Netherlands and of Belgium—"van" has no particular meaning. Names with "van" are to be read on shops as well as on the doors of the most aristocratic mansions. The humblest persons have them as well as the most exalted, and a great number of the very oldest families are without it.

But in Germany "von" implies nobility, and all persons who belong to the nobility prefix "von" to their family names without any exception. Persons who do not belong to the nobility cannot have the right to put "von" before their names. A man who is knighted for some reason, however, has the same right to put "von" before his family name as a person of ancient nobility. For instance, when Alexander Humboldt was knighted he became Alexander von Humboldt. All his descendants, male and female, take the prefix.

The Heart Must Not Be Trifled With. Where there are symptoms of heart weakness, there should be Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart; it's a magical remedy, gives relief in thirty minutes, and there are thousands who testify that it cures permanently.

Mrs. W. T. Rundle, of Dundalk, Ont., says: "I was for years unable to attend to my household duties. I used Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, the result was wonderful, the pain left me immediately after the first dose, and a few bottles cured."

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Terrible plagues, those itching, pestering diseases of the skin. Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment cures. At any drug store.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT. JAS. P. TIGHE, Commissioner, Stere Building, 18 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or on margin.

	Close	Close
Sugar	14 1/4	14 1/4
Tobacco	89 1/2	90 1/2
Chicago Grain	96 1/2	97
Nat. Lead	36 1/2	37
General Electric	34 1/2	34 1/2
U. S. L. pref.	64 1/2	64 1/2
Penn. Coal and Iron	26 1/2	26 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	12 1/2	13 1/2
C. B. & Q.	92	92 1/2
U. M. & St. P.	94 1/2	95 1/2
R. I.	89 1/2	90 1/2
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	96 1/2	97 1/2
D. and H.	11 1/2	11 1/2
O. & W.	16 1/2	17 1/2
Quebecana & West.	—	—
Quebecana & West. pref.	72	73 1/2
P. & R.	22 1/2	23 1/2
N. W.	121	122 1/2
S. Y. C.	107	108 1/2
M. P.	34 1/2	34 1/2
Texas	—	—
U. P.	26 1/2	27 1/2
W. Union	30 1/2	31 1/2
L. & N.	56 1/2	57
Marquette	112	113 1/2
P. M.	—	—
Wabash, pref.	18 1/2	18 1/2
No. Pacific, pref.	59	60 1/2
W. L.	—	—
Southern Ry.	30 1/2	31 1/2
Southern, pref.	90 1/2	91 1/2
May Wheat	20 1/2	20 1/2
May Corn	23 1/2	23 1/2
May Oats	23 1/2	23 1/2
May Pork	\$9 3/4	\$9 3/4
May Lard	4 00	4 1/2

THIRD O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 59 North street, Telephone No. 2. Lady assistant, New York office 154 East 2nd street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street, corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones st., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown, Telephone 45, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer, Lady assistant. Telephone 118, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, 48 Great Jones street, New York.

THIS IS CORN.

So Thick That It Trapped Even a Hungry Coon.

The Little Rock Democrat is the authority for the kind of corn lands they have in that particularly blessed region. It says: Eight or ten years or so ago there was a lake near Morrilton covering about 10,000 acres. When the big floods came two years ago, an opening was made by the surging waters which carried off all the water of this lake when the floods subsided. The bed of the lake dried up and left the richest soil the world ever saw. It is ten feet deep, and nothing the River Nile ever produced could excel it. This year Mills & Bailey have a crop of corn on about 1,000 acres of this land. They sowed the corn broadcast like wheat, and the stalks are as strong as saplings, and scores of "shoots" are also loaded down. "It is the most remarkable corn crop ever produced in the world," declared Prof. Cox, and, to make the story even more interesting, he ended it by declaring that a "coon" was caught between the stalks, and, being unable to extricate itself because they were so thick, was killed by those who came upon it.

The Use of Matches.

An average of eight matches for each man, woman and child is used in the United States daily.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

WANTED—A two-seated second-hand sleigh in good condition. Enquire at this office.

WANTED to Rent—A cutter for the season. Enquire at this office.

WANTED—A steady, reliable man as orderly. Must know how to attend horses. Apply at THRALL HOSPITAL.

MAGIC Cold Cure—A remedy that will break up a cold in twenty-four hours. Guaranteed to do so. It does not use stimulants in the ears or nostrils, as quinine sometimes does. Sold only at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

BUTTER

23,
22,
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12

Cents a Pound.

J. W. SLOAT,

15-17 East Main St.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. Midway, N. Y. VAN FLEET'S New Feed Store.

CHAMBERS' Magic Corn Cure. Never fails. Has been selling continuously since introduced six years ago with little advertising, except by pleased customers. It is the only "acrid" cure. A liquid applied directly to the corn drives the business center. Made and sold only at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

THE Klondike isn't it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monahan avenue. 781ly Oct 23, 98

PROF. WM. H. SAGENDORF, Clairvoyant, 37 James street, Middletown, N. Y.

STRENGTHENING PLASTERS 10 cents each. 5 for 25 cents. Relieve many a pain and ache. Equal to higher priced plasters. Try them. Sold at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled.

ASSIGNED'S Sale of Uncollected Book Accounts of the late firm of M. F. Roche will be held on Monday, Jan. 11th, at 2 o'clock, at the office of Merrill & Burke, 57 North street.

GEO. E. CORWIN, Assignee, EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney for Assignee.

WANTED—A position in a family by a girl 17 years old. Wages no object. Enquire at 48 North street.

LOWER Part of house, 59 East avenue, lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street, for rent.

Enquire of F. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 75dt

SALE OF CHILDREN'S HEADWEAR. We have a large assortment of children's headgear in silk and cashmere, also caps and hats, which we will sell out now at cost. Fancy feather sweeps and plumes at nearly half price. Look at our standard list.

HOSEY Delivered C. O. D. Five pound pair, pure extracted 70c. Order by phone or postal at Delaney's Flower Store or house, 601 West street. Dec 31, Jan 1, 1898. CHESTER BELDING.

FOR RENT—A double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. Enquire of F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

A. M. AMBLER repairs watches, clocks and jewelry at short notice, and guarantees it fully; also a complete stock of watches and jewelry at lowest prices. No. 50 North street, Middletown.

Fine Celery, Cranberries, Lettuce, Spinach, Cucumbers, Wax Beans, Cauliflower,

Parsons, Beets, Turnips, Red and White Onions, Hubbard and Marrow Squash, Oyster Plant, Red Cabbage, Malaga, Tokay and Catawba Grapes, Fancy Oranges and Lemons, Nuts of all kinds, Figs, Dates, Layer Raisins, Plum Pudding, Nut-chocolate, Pineapple, Edam and Cream Cheese, Print Butter.

DEWEY & MUNDY, Telephone 39. 40 North St.

Reduction in Prices

Gas and Electric Light

The following prices take effect

or business commencing

February 1st, 1898:

GAS RATES.

Under 500 feet, per month..... \$3.25 per M
500 to 10,000 feet, per month..... 2.50 per M
10,000 to 20,000 feet, per month..... 1.50 per M
Over 20,000 feet, per month..... 1.50 per M
Five per cent. discount from above prices if bills are paid on or before the 15th.
Meter rent charged on all bills of less than \$1 per month, net.

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES.

55 hundredths of cent per ampere hour, 15 cents per 1,000 watts.
Minimum bill 50 cents per month.
Small consumers using the equivalent of 25 candle power lamps or under, by contract, according to service.
Bills rendered the first of each month, payable on or before the 15th, after which date 5 per cent. additional will be charged.
All lamp renewals at 15 cents each.

Middletown Gas and Electric Light Co.

GOLDEN SHIELD BAKING POWDER

15 CENTS PER CAN

Gives excellent satisfaction. 500 bushels fine Cuban Potatoes. Small lot Fancy Baldwin Apples. Dixon's Store, 101 North street, a paper. Butter 20, 22, 24 and 25c a pound.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you are off on buying your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG shoes on the sole, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

FALSE Hair, wig, whiskers, 100 strands, either, hair, first-class business revolver, 32 calibre, all cheap at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

Our 8th Annual Sale of Muslin Underwear.

3,042 pieces to be sold at the lowest prices ever made by any firm in Middletown. The goods were bought months ago of manufacturers who wanted the business to keep their help busy during the dull season. It is all made by skilled hands, and in many cases will be sold for less than you can buy the material at retail, not counting the making. No woman who cares to save money should miss this great sale. It will pay you to borrow the money rather than miss this chance of getting your share of the goods at the prices they will be marked at.

120 Misses' Muslin Night Gowns,

Made from good muslin, trimmed with cambric ruffle on neck and sleeves. Weary mothers may rest. You pay for the material only, we give away the work. Age 4 to 12 years, 25c.

72 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from good cotton, 18 spaced tucks in front, ruffle on neck and sleeves, yoke back, same story, cloth and trimming worth more than we ask for the whole garment. Sale price 39 cents.

120 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from good cotton, high neck, trimmed with four rows of insertion and twenty fine tucks in front, sleeves edged with embroidery, 49 cents.

60 Ladies' Empire Gowns,

Made from heavy cotton, well made and trimmed with embroidery and insertion, 49c

144 Ladies' Gowns,

Four styles in this lot, made from fine cotton, high and low necks, some trimmed with four rows of wide insertion, others trimmed with embroidery and fine tucks, not one worth less than 75c, all at 59c.

60 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from the very best cotton, trimmed with embroidery and insertion, 69c.

96 Ladies' Gowns,

Made from fine cotton or cambric, handsomely made and trimmed, not one worth less than \$1; at this sale 79c.

144 Ladies' Gowns,

High and low neck, made in a great variety of styles. Couldn't be better made and less than the material would cost you, 98c, \$1.19, \$1.48

DO YOU KNOW THE UNDERWEAR WE SELL? Our Underwear business didn't come from selling common on, we will buy it back.

60 Ladies' Empire Gowns,

Made with wide lapels of embroidery and insertion on the neck and sleeves, well worth \$1.25, at this sale 89c.

240 Pairs Ladies' Muslin Drawers,

Well made, trimmed with either fine tucks or lace; for this sale only 15c a pair.

420 Pairs Ladies' Muslin Drawers,

Five styles in this lot, all made different. Come and buy them and you will wonder how we could ever buy the material at the price, 25c.

192 Pairs Ladies' Umbrella Drawers,

Ruffle, hemstitched or trimmed with embroidery, 29c.

120 Pairs Ladies' Umbrella Drawers,

Handsomely made and trimmed, well worth 50c; for this sale 39c.